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1. On 7 June 1951, the Infanterie Kaserne on the east side of Leipziger Strasse, Altenburg (N 51/K 27) was occupied by only a rear detail of soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. As many as 30 soldiers were seen receiving basic training.

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2. The Artillery Kaserne on the west side of Leipziger Strasse was also occupied by only a rear detail of soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. Up to 50 soldiers, of which a large percentage were wearing bandages, were engaged in athletic activities and routine duties.

3. [redacted] who had been employed at the barracks installations prior to the departure of the troops, stated that the troops from Altenburg had moved to the Altengrabow (N 53/Z 00) troop training grounds. One of the [redacted] that the troops would return in early July, while the other [redacted] that they would not return before the end of July or the beginning of August 1951. \*

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Comment. [redacted] reported the two barracks installations in Altenburg were still partly occupied in early May 1951. [redacted] The present report indicates that more artillery units from Altenburg left for field training in May 1951. There have not been any indications as to the present whereabouts of the artillery units from Altenburg. The appearance of some motor vehicles from Altenburg in the Altengrabow area in May 1951 is not proof that all of the units from Altenburg were there. It is rather believed that some of the units are now practicing at the Kindel or Ohrdruf troop training grounds.

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